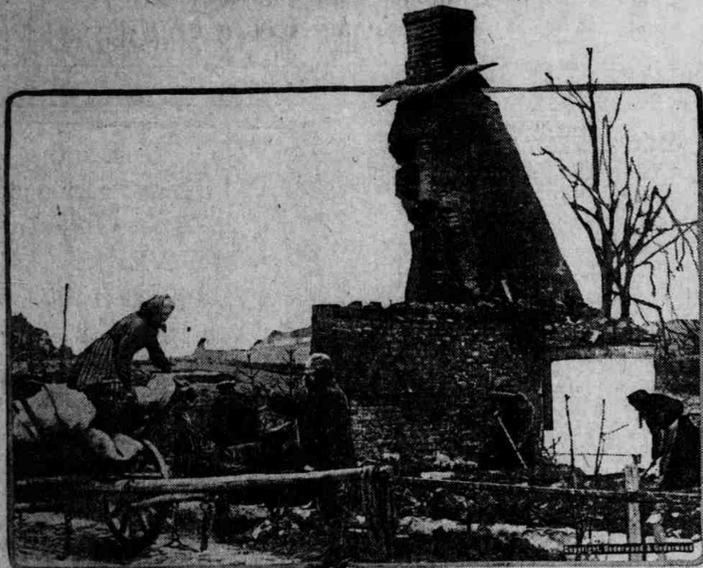


RETURNING TO THEIR RUINED HOMES



Peasants of East Prussia, who fled before the advance of the Russian armies, when the czar's troops were repulsed returned to their homes to find only the charred ruins of their houses.

SHOOTING AT A GERMAN AEROPLANE



French marines under shelter of the ruined church of Dixmude, shooting at a German Taube aeroplane.

HUNGRY BRITISH STORM BREAD TRAIN



British soldiers in France besieging a supply train arriving in camp with a consignment of bread for the soldiers.

LOVE ROMANCE OF THE WAR

Affair Begun in Belgium Ends at the Altar in an English Church.

A romantic love story, constituting one of the pleasantest sidelights of the war, has culminated in a wedding at Redhill.

friends with a home at Coniston lodge. She lost sight of Lieutenant Vidrequin and did not expect to see him again.

SENTRY ON POST SIX DAYS

Russian, Obeying Army Tradition, Refused to Quit Until Relieved by the Emperor.

Petrograd.—A tradition of the Russian army is that once a sentry is posted only the officer who posted him or even in time of peace cases occur which require the personal interference of the emperor to relieve the sentry.

TROOPS SHAVE IN TRENCHES

British Soldiers Follow the Rule Strictly, but the French Are Growing Whiskers.

London.—There is some newspaper speculation as to whether the war will follow precedent in establishing a change in fashions of what some of the writers delight to call "face fur."

try from his post, wherever it may be. The first case that has happened in this war occurred with a convoy train of a Siberian division which on meeting German outposts was fired on.

KHEDIVE OF EGYPT



Abbas II, the khedive of Egypt, who joined with Turkey against Great Britain, and who has been kept out of the country by the English authorities.

SWAP GIANT FOR DWARFS

Germany Wants to Exchange English Eight-Footer for Two German Middlets.

London.—Germany wants to exchange the long for the short of it. William Hempstead, an eight-foot giant, has just reached England from Germany, where he was interned at the beginning of the war.

Field of Waterloo Entrenched.

London.—A dispatch says the old field of Waterloo has been filled with concrete trenches by the Germans.

War Draws the Outraged.

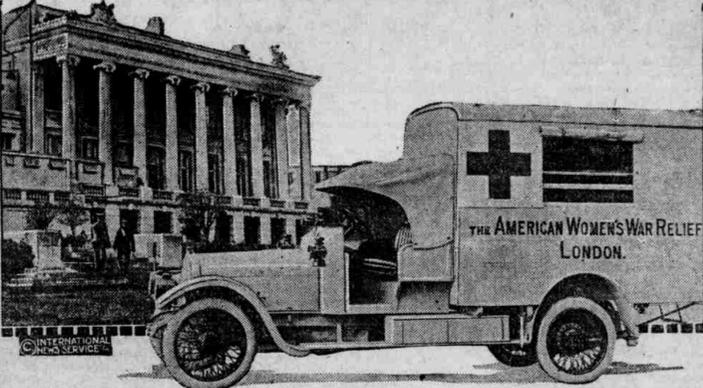
London.—Trains to the south coast have been crowded. Many persons have gone to Dover. The idea in most cases is to hear the firing of the big guns of the fleet engaged in bombarding the Belgian coast.

ZOUAUE HERO SAVES BRIDGE

French Prisoners Give Lives to Cause Destruction of a German Column.

Paris.—A note appended to an official communique says: "A few days ago in Belgium a German column marched on the Dri Grachter bridge, forcing before them a group of French Zouaves whom they had taken prisoners."

AMERICAN HELP FOR WOUNDED BRITISH



Six motor ambulances like the one in this photograph have been given to the British war office by the American Women's War Relief fund.

SEARCHING FOR HIDDEN GERMANS



British troops searching a farmhouse between Nieupoit and Dixmude for German stragglers.

IN A SHATTERED CONVENT



Shrine and crucifix in the convent of the Sisters of the Poor at Nieupoit, seen through the gaping wall of the convent, which was destroyed in the terrific fighting that took place there.

BRAVE WOMEN OF EAST PRUSSIA



Undaunted by their misfortune in being driven from their homes in East Prussia by the czar's forces, these German peasant women, who are compelled to make their homes in temporary shelters thrown up in the fields, are busily engaged knitting woolen socks and mittens for their men folk, who are fighting with the Kaiser's forces.

ARCHDUCHESS ZITA



New photograph of Archduchess Zita, wife of Archduke Carl, heir to the Austro-Hungarian throne.

To Develop New Industry.

London.—The British board of trade has issued a circular urging merchants and manufacturers to devote attention to the trade in wooden ware.

GERMANS ADORE THE KAISER

Berliners Throw Themselves on Pavement With Heads Bent When Imperial Car Passes.

Paris.—A diplomat of a neutral nation who has just arrived in Paris from Berlin says that the Berliner's adoration of the Kaiser has turned almost to fanaticism.

War Cuts Commerce of World.

London.—The Optimists' National corps, a body of 200 business men occupying managerial or executive positions, unable to join the army, are helping to obtain recruits.

the bridge one of the prisoners cried out in a commanding voice, "Faites feu, nom de Dieu!" (Open fire, in the name of God).

BAKING BREAD FOR INDIAN TROOPS



Baby Watched Surgeons Operate.

Wilmington, Del.—Displaying a fortitude which astonished the physicians at a hospital in this city, Adeline Hall, aged three years, permitted them to sew on the seared tip of a

Berliners Throw Themselves on Pavement With Heads Bent When Imperial Car Passes.

"I have seen thousands of men and women throw themselves on the pavement, with hands clasped and heads bent as if in prayer, remaining in this posture until the imperial car has passed," says the diplomat.

British Optimists Give Help.

London.—The Optimists' National corps, a body of 200 business men occupying managerial or executive positions, unable to join the army, are helping to obtain recruits.

War Cuts Commerce of World.

London.—Shipping men estimate that the volume of the world's maritime commerce has been decreased in the neighborhood of twenty-five per cent by the war.

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

(By E. O. SELLERS, Acting Director of Sunday School Council, Chicago) LESSON FOR DECEMBER 13

THE GREAT COMMISSION.

LESSON TEXT—Matt. 28:18-20; Luke 24:47-48. GOLDEN TEXT—Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.—Matt. 28:20.

This lesson consists of two paragraphs which constitute what might be termed two commissions or two parts of the Great Commission.

I. The Appearance in Jerusalem, Thomas Being Absent. Luke 24:36-49.

(1) The Resurrected Lord, vv. 36-43. The Emmaus disciples reported to the disciples, and those gathered with them in Jerusalem, the things they had experienced, especially in the breaking of bread.

Man of Flesh and Bone.

This appearance was a demonstration that it was he himself, and to add proof upon proof he first showed them his pierced hands and feet, and then called for fish and ate it before, and doubtless with, them.

(2) The Ascended Lord, vv. 44-49.

This coming of Jesus and his message of peace and assurance brought also a commission that this great fact be told to others.

Some Disciples Doubted.

II. The Appearance to the Eleven in Galilee, Matt. 28:15-20. This event took place much later than that mentioned in the first part of the previous section.

IV. Finally, as the birth of Christ into the world marks the most important era in the world, so the birth of Christ into the soul marks the most important era in the soul.

"from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God." No son of man would change his experience of salvation and the indwelling Christ for all the world could give him.

Our doubts are traitors, and make us lose the good we oft might win, by fearing to attempt.—Shakespeare.

The Birth of Christ in the Soul

By REV. JAMES M. GRAY, D. D., Dean of Moody Bible Institute, Chicago

TEXT—My little children, of whom I have many, I have written unto you that ye may know that ye have the Father's love abiding in you.—1 John 4:19.

I go out of the beaten path in this Christmas message, and called to contemplate the birth of our Saviour into the world.

I. It suggests that the birth of Christ into the experience of men is a process of three stages. Christ must be formed in their understanding and in their will, but especially in the affections which mold their character and conduct.

The Second Adam.

II. But the text suggests that the birth of Christ in the soul would be impossible had not Christ himself been born into the world.

But in speaking of the humanity of Christ, it must be kept in mind that in his person there was united the two natures, the human and the divine.

Birth of Christ in the Soul.

III. Just as the Holy Ghost was instrumental in the birth of Christ into the world, so it is necessary to the birth of Christ in the soul.

Though Christ a thousand times in Bethlehem be born, But in us, unless thy soul will be born, The Cross of Golgotha thou lookest to in vain, Unless within thyself it be set up again.

The Christian life must be in its own degree something like the Master's own life, luminous with his hope, and surrounded by a bracing atmosphere which uplifts all who even touch its outer fringe.—Hugh Black.

Some of us believe that God is all mighty, and may do all; and that he is all wisdom, and can do all; but that he is all love, and will do all, there we fail.—Mother Juliana.

All industry and earnestness will be useless unless there are consecrated by a resolution to be in all things a man of honor.—Ruskin.

It needs a little care to know to whom to give; it needs much care to know from whom to receive.—Ivan Panin.